Funds for elimination of child labour

2692. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for implementation of the schemes for elimination of child labour during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether any success has been achieved in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of children withdrawn from work namely the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. An amount of Rs.249.60 Crore has been allocated for implementation of Child labour schemes during the Ninth Five Year Plan period.

(b) and (c) The major activity under the NCLP is running special schools/ centres for rehabililtation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipend etc. So far, 100 projects have been sanctioned for coverage of 2.11 lakh children through 3962 Centres in 13 child labour endemic States. One of the main objectives of the scheme is to mainstream children withdrawn from work into formal schools. As per the information received so far from about 45 NCLPs approximately 69000 children have already been mainstreamed into the formal school system.

State-wise break up of Child Labour

2693. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise break-up of child labour in the Country as per the latest census reports;

(b) whether there is a decline in child labour in the country as compared to previous report with the latest one; and

(c) the action proposed for effective implementation and monitoring of the national child labour projects started since the Seventh Plan without any results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Authentic information on child labour in the country is generated by the decennial census. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in India is 11.28 million. State-wise figures on child labour are given in the Statement. (*See* below) The figures of the 2001 census have not been published.

(b) According to the 1981 census, the estimated figure of working children was 13.6 million whereas the number of working children in the country was of the order of 11.28 million as per the 1991 census.

(c) Evaluatiuon of identified NCLPs was undertaken by evaluation agencies, inter-ministerial teams and is also continuously monitored through periodical reports and reviews at the Centre, State and District levels. A comprehensive evaluation of National Child Labour Projects in the country has been conducted by independent agencies. The evaluation exercise was coordinated by the VVGNLI. A Central Monitoring Committee, under the Chairmanship of Labour Secretary, has also been set up for the overall supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the NCLPs. The working of child labour projects has been reviewed in a National Conference on Child Labour held in January 2001. Necessary interventions to improve the functioning of projects are continuously made when necessary.

Statement

State-wise Distribution of Working Children According to 1991 Census

1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,661,940
2.	Assam	327,598
3.	Bihar	942,245
4.	Gujarat	523,585
5.	Haryana	109,691
6.	Himachal Pradesh	56,438
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	**
8.	Karnataka	976,247

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9.	Kerala	34,800
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1,352,563
11.	Maharashtra	1,068,418
12.	Manipur	16,493
13.	Meghalaya	34,633
14.	Nagaland	16,476
15.	Orissa	452,394
16.	Punjab	142,868
17.	Rajasthan	774,199
18.	Sikkim	5,598
19.	Tamilnadu	578,889
20.	Tripura	16,478
21.	Uttar Pradesh	1,410,086
22.	West Bengal	711,691
23.	Andaman & Nikobar Island	1,265
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	12,395
25.	Chandigarh	1,870
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4,416
27.	Delhi	27,351
28.	Daman and Diu	941
29.	Goa	4,656
30.	Lakshadweep	34
31.	Mizoram	16,411
32.	Pondicherry	2,680
	TOTAL :	11,285,349

**Census could not be conducted.

NB: Figures for 1991 relates to workers of age group 5-14 years.